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Interview Summary	Application No. 09/991,766	Applicant(s) KUWAMOTO ET AL.	
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) Laurie Ries, Examiner. (3) William Hunter, Applicant's Representative.
 (2) William Bashore, Primary Examiner. (4) ____.

Date of Interview: 19 February 2008.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
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Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
 If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 9,31 and 48.

Identification of prior art discussed: McClendon.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Discussed the patentability of claim 9 should the limitations of claim 48 be incorporated into claim 9 in independent form. The Examiners indicated that a final search would be needed before an indication of allowability can be made. Discussed difference in the interpretation of claim 31 as presently written..

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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/Laurie Ries/

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